

July 15, 2020

On Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., the Police Jury of Sabine Parish, State of Louisiana met in open and regular session.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Amend the Agenda
6. Adopt the Agenda
7. Public Comments
8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Special Called Meeting Held July 2, 2020
- 8(a). Honor Mr. Donald Buford Kelly and Mr. Tom Harless
9. Chris Schamerhorn – Solid Waste Landfill- Waste Flow Ordinance
10. Mr. Danny Landry- Discuss Speed Bumps on Herring Lane
11. Mr. Brad Walker- Chief Deputy, Guynell Melton Executive Assistant- Gary Elam. Chief Civil Deputy – Medical Care for Parish Inmates
12. Donald Remedies – Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Dixie Youth
- 12(a). David Fuselier and John Duke – Discuss Progress in Cardboard Recycling Program
13. Planning Commission
14. Review the Bids for the Purchase of One (1) New 7/8 Yard Dump Body Truck and Consider Award of Contract
15. Discuss 2020 Census
16. Discuss C & D Waste Permit for the Landfill
17. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills
18. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for July Operations (\$237,000)
19. Committee Reports
20. Operations
21. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

President Mike McCormic called the meeting to order.

Because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Sabine Parish Police Jury provided for attendance at the meeting via telephone and video conference.

President McCormic then read aloud the agenda.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Secretary Treasurer. The following jurors were present: “Bo” Stewart, Mike McCormic, “Charlie” Brown, William E. Ruffin, “Jeff” Davidson, Eric Garcie, Ricky ”K-Wall” Sepulvado, and Kenneth M. Ebarb.

The following juror was absent: “Randy” Byrd

3. Prayer

Prayer was led by Mr. William E. Ruffin.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Charlie Brown.

5. Amend the Agenda

Public comments on the motion to amend the agenda were allowed prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda.

Resolution No. 8591

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Garcie to amend the agenda to include the following items:

8(a) Honor Mr. Donald Buford Kelly and Mr. Tom Harless

12(a) David Fusiler and John Duke – Discuss Progress in Cardboard Recycling Program

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

6. Adopt the Agenda

Resolution No. 8592

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Stewart to adopt the agenda as amended.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

7. Public Comments

Police Jury President, Mike McCormic, allowed a period of public comment on any item on the agenda. Mr. McCormic advised everyone that they would be allowed to comment later during the meeting on particular agenda items, if they desire. There were no public comments at this time.

8. Accept the Minutes of the Previous Special Called Meeting Held July 2, 2020

All police jurors have previously been provided written copies of the minutes of the special called meeting held July 2, 2020.

Resolution No. 8593

Motion by Brown and seconded by Davidson to accept the minutes of the special called meeting held July 2, 2020.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

8(a). Honor Mr. Donald Buford Kelly and Mr. Tom Harless

Resolution No. 8594

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury meets on the third Wednesday of each month to conduct the business of the parish, and such business, while vital to the overall operation of the parish, can seem quite rote, mundane, and generally unappealing to the members of the public, and

WHEREAS, attendance from the general public is usually limited to those having business with the Jury, some citizens of the parish nevertheless have taken a keen interest in such business, and

WHEREAS, Donald Buford Kelly and Tom Harless being two of these great citizens, having faithfully attended the vast majority of meetings of the Jury for many years, and

WHEREAS, they have conducted themselves at all times with dignity, decorum, interest, and humor, and

WHEREAS, they have by their contributions become part of the very fabric of the Jury, and

WHEREAS, the Sabine Parish Police Jury is forever appreciative for these contributions,

THEREFORE, NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Donald Buford Kelly and Tom Harless are hereby appreciated, valued, and recognized, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the status of Honorary Police Juror be hereby bestowed upon Donald Buford Kelly and Tom Harless for the Parish of Sabine, this day, the 15th of July, 2020.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

9. Chris Schamerhorn – Solid Waste Landfill- Waste Flow Ordinance

Mr. Chris Schamerhorn discussed the difference in cost to dump construction and demolition waste at the Sabine Parish Landfill compared to his Type III landfill. He asked the Police Jury to consider exempting construction and demolition waste from the requirements of the parish's waste flow ordinance.

President McCormic stated that the Jury would review the cost of disposing construction and demolition waste within the parish.

10. Mr. Danny Landry- Discuss Speed Bumps on Herring Lane

Mr. Danny Landry addressed the police jury concerning Herring Drive located in Ward 2, Road District 16. Mr. Landry stated that he had been informed by the previous Road Superintendent that the gravel portion of Herring Drive was not a parish road. He stated that this portion of the road has been maintained by the residents along it. Mr. Landry has become concerned about drivers speeding in this area which is frequented by children.

Mr. Landry's understanding was that the gravel portion of the road was privately owned and he was within his legal rights to install "speed humps", which he did. Subsequently, Road Superintendent Hughes contacted Mr. Landry and informed him that Herring Drive was a parish road. Mr. Hughes requested that the "speed humps" be removed and Mr. Landry removed them.

Mr. Landry requested the Police Jury to adopt a speed limit for Herring Drive and place proper signage on the road including a “dead-end” sign.

Resolution No. 8595

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Stewart to instruct the Secretary Treasurer to draft an ordinance for consideration by the police jury to reduce the speed limit on Herring Drive to 15 miles per hour.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

11. Mr. Brad Walker- Chief Deputy, Guynell Melton Executive Assistant- Gary Elam. Chief Civil Deputy – Medical Care for Parish Inmates

The jurors have previously been provided an analysis of the reimbursements provided to the Sabine Parish Sheriff’s Department for prisoner care during 2019.

Mr. Brad Walker, Chief Deputy, discussed things the Sheriff desires to do to improve the quality of medical care for parish inmates. He explained that the Police Jury has responsibility for the care of parish prisoners while the Sheriff has responsibility for the care of state prisoners. Mr. Walker then briefly discussed medical services that are required to be provided to the inmates.

Mr. Walker informed the Police Jury that the Sheriff is in negotiations with Toledo Health, LLC to provide required medical services to inmates. He noted that tele-med services would be an important part of the medical care package.

Mr. Jarrett Rule, with Toledo Health LLC, provided the Jury a list of mandated requirements for inmate care. Toledo Health LLC is offering to provide the required medical care for a set monthly fee of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be shared equally by the Sabine Parish Sheriff and the Sabine Parish Police Jury. The medical care provided by Toledo Health LLC is expected to reduce the cost of emergency medical care provided to inmates.

Mr. McCormic requested a draft of the proposed service contract so that it can be reviewed and approved by the District Attorney prior to consideration by the Police Jury at its August 19th meeting.

12. Donald Remedies – Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Dixie Youth

The jurors have previously been provided a draft cooperative endeavor agreement between the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth.

Every year, the Sabine Parish Police Jury provides the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth \$5,000, which is split equally between the six municipalities that participate in the program. This amount of funding is included in the 2020 Police Jury Budget.

Resolution No. 8596

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Ebarb to authorize Jury President McCormic to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sabine Parish Dixie Youth to provide \$5,000 in funding for the program.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 – Byrd

12(a) David Fuselier and John Duke – Discuss Progress in Cardboard Recycling Program

Mr. David Fuselier provided the Jury an update on the progress in the cardboard recycling program. He hopes to start the program on August 1, 2020 subject to approval of the contract by the District Attorney. He reported that Hometown Recycling has purchased seventeen (17) cans for use in Sabine Parish.

13. Planning Commission

No member of the Sabine Parish Planning Commission was in attendance.

14. Review the Bids for the Purchase of One (1) New 7/8 Yard Dump Body Truck and Consider Award of Contract

The Sabine Parish Police Jury accepted public bids for one (1) new (2021-year model) 7/8-yard dump body truck until 10:00 a.m. on July 8, 2020 when the sealed bids were opened and publicly read aloud. Two bids were received as follows:

Vendor	Make	Model	Cost
Pliier International	2021 International	MV607 SBA	\$ 94,332.94
All Truck Parts & Equipment	2021 Western Star	4700 SB	\$ 98,789.00

Road Superintendent Hughes explained that this truck is for Road District 16 (Ward 2) and Road District 9 (Ward 3). The purchase of this truck is planned and has been budgeted in the 2020 Budget.

Resolution No. 8597

Motion by Davidson and seconded by Garcie to accept the low bid in the amount of \$94,332.94 from Pliier International for a 2021 International MV607 SBA 7/8-yard dump body truck.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

15. Discuss 2020 Census

President Mike McCormic addressed the Police Jury concerning the 2020 Census. He reported that he had been on the local radio station with a census official from Atlanta, Georgia in an attempt to increase local participation. They scheduled a week of meetings at various locations for citizens to obtain assistance in completing the census forms.

16. Discuss C & D Waste Permit for the Landfill

Mr. Sepulvado discussed applying for a Type III (Construction and Demolition Waste) permit for the Sabine Parish Solid Waste Landfill. Currently, construction and demolition (C&D) waste is disposed in that part of the landfill that is permitted for Type I

and Type II waste which has a high disposal cost. Opening a C & D landfill area will significantly decrease the cost of disposal for that type of waste material.

Resolution No. 8598

Motion by Ebarb and seconded by Sepulvado to authorize the Police Jury President to enter an agreement with an engineering firm to apply for a Type III (Construction & Demolition) waste permit for the Sabine Parish Landfill and to authorize him to execute any documents necessary and pay any fees required to obtain such permit.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

17. Authorize Payment of Approved Bills

Resolution No. 8599

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Brown to pay the approved bills.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Davidson, Ruffin, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

18. Appropriate and Transfer Sales Tax for July Operations (\$237,000)

Resolution No. 8600

Motion by Stewart and seconded by Garcie to appropriate and transfer \$237,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Parish-wide Transportation Fund for July 2020 operations.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Davidson, Ruffin, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

19. Committee Reports

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Ebarb reminded the Jurors that the Police Jury will have to appoint a new registrar of voters to replace Kristi McCormick who will be retiring August 29, 2020. The jury has

received 24 applications for the position. All qualified applicants will be offered an interview by the personnel committee.

Each juror was requested to provide two (2) questions that they would like the personnel committee to ask the applicants. The Personnel Committee will consider entering executive session to interview the individual applicants and will make a recommendation of the four most qualified applicants to the full jury.

20. Operations

Road Superintendent Bobby Hughes discussed purchasing a new 12/14-yard dump body truck to replace a truck recently involved in an accident that was determined to be a total loss. The truck will be used on a parish-wide basis and will be purchased with funds derived through the Parish Transportation Act.

Resolution No. 8601

Motion by Sepulvado and seconded by Brown to authorize Road Superintendent Hughes and Secretary Treasurer Weatherford to advertise for public bids for a new 12/14-yard dump body truck.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Davidson, Ruffin, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 8602

Motion by Ruffin and seconded by Ebarb to adjourn.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: 8 - Stewart, McCormic, Ruffin, Davidson, Brown, Garcie, Sepulvado, and Ebarb

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Byrd

s/William E. Weatherford
William E. Weatherford
Secretary Treasurer

s/Richard M. McCormic
Richard M. McCormic
President